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ABS publication puts the microscope on Queensland

From the Torres Shire in the north to the Stanthorpe Shire in the south, from the Redland Shire in the east to the Shires of Burke, Mt Isa, Boulia and Diamantina in the west, **Regional Statistics, Queensland, 2000** provides a statistical view across the State. It includes tables, commentary and maps, bringing together data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and a range of other sources.

Highlights from the publication include:

- The most popular tourist destinations in Queensland are in the Moreton and Far North Statistical Divisions.
- Less than half of Queensland's population reside in the capital city statistical division.
- The rural South West and the North West Statistical Divisions had the highest fertility rates in 1999.
- In 1999-2000, total net migration contributed 59% of Queensland's population growth and Queensland was the most popular choice for people migrating within Australia.
- Brisbane and Gold Coast Local Government Areas (LGA) experienced the largest population increases of all LGAs in Australia in the year ended June 2000, and growth continued in the Queensland coastal areas of Maroochy Shire, Pine Rivers Shire and Hervey Bay City.
- Population growth continued in a number of regional centres in the year ended June 2000, such as Townsville City and Toowoomba City.
- Queensland was the only State or Territory where growth in the balance of the State exceeded growth in the capital city statistical division. Brisbane Statistical Division increased by 27,900 while the Queensland balance increased 31,500.
- In the 12 months to June 1999, Queensland households spent an average of \$648.99 each week on goods and services. Over the same period, average weekly household income for Queensland households was \$744.98.

The publication contains a statistical overview of Queensland. It provides insights on Queensland's climate, population, age, births, deaths, health, immigration and interstate migration, industry, tourism, attendance at selected cultural venues and activities, cultural funding, sport and information technology.

Regional Statistics, Queensland, 2000 contains additional tables showing the statistical impact of the move of Bowen Shire from the Northern Statistical Division to the Mackay Statistical Division, effective from 1 July 2001.

Details are in **Regional Statistics, Queensland, 2000** (Cat. No. 1362.3) which is available from ABS Bookshops. The main features of the publication are available on this site. If you wish to purchase a copy of this publication, contact the ABS Bookshop in your capital city.

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